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APPLICANT: BERGER ET AL PCT

SERIAL NO.: 09/403,557

EXAMINER: RAJGURU, U.

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TITLE: COMPONENT FOR PRODUCING POLYMER MIXTURES BASED
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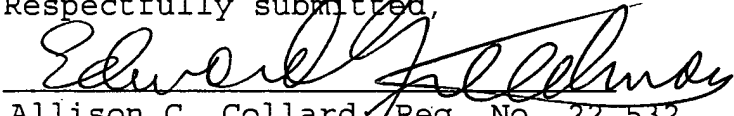
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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001, for one month from September 5, 2001 to October 5, 2001. A check in the amount of \$55.00, covering the fee for a one-month extension for a Small Entity is enclosed herewith. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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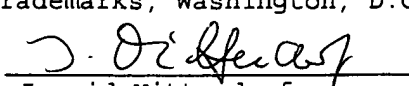

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